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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/567,496

Applicant(s)

BOTT ET AL.

Examiner

ALVIN J. GRANT

Art Unit

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 June 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/CD)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because the lines numbers and letters are not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, and durable (poor line quality) Figs.1-5 (See 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. **Claims 21-36 and 40**, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Herron Jr. 4,970,753.

Regarding claims 21-26, Herron discloses a vacuum cleaner comprising a housing and an exhaust opening (**at 48**) that is fluidically connected to an overpressure side of a motor/blower unit (**26**) which is surrounded by an insulating capsule (formed by the U-shaped portion (**42**)) and which is placed inside a blower housing via duct that has a duct section (**38,40**) which is arranged while extending between the insulating capsule and the blower housing, wherein a first capsule part of the insulating capsule is joined to a portion of the blower housing while forming a single piece (**2:61-3:20**), wherein the housing part of the blower housing is a blower compartment cover on which a second capsule part of the insulating capsule is molded (**2:36-59**); a main flow channel for a main air flow is arranged so that it runs between the blower compartment cover and the second capsule part with an inflow opening formed in the blower compartment cover and discharging air flow from the blower compartment (**2:53-60**); the main flow channel is arranged so that it runs behind an end of the motor/blower unit opposite to a suction opening (**Fig. 1**); at least one auxiliary flow channel for an auxiliary air flow is arranged so that it runs between the blower compartment cover and the second capsule part (**Fig. 2**); respectively at least one auxiliary flow channel is arranged so that it runs at the side of the motor/blower unit (**Figs. 1 and 2**); the auxiliary flow channels have a

rectangular cross-section and extend substantially vertically (Figs. 1-2; and 4:6-16);

Regarding claims 27-29, see Figs. 1 and 3; and 4:61-68.

Regarding claims 30-36, see Figs. 1-3; and 4:1-5.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 37-39** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Herron Jr. in view of Moshenrose et al. US 2005/0210628

Herron Jr. is described above. Herron Jr. does not specifically disclose the housing part of the blower comprising a holder for receiving a bearing element for the motor/blower unit. Moshenrose et al. discloses a vacuum cleaner fan unit in which the housing part of the blower comprises a holder for receiving a bearing element for the motor/blower unit so as to facilitate ease of periodic inspection and maintenance of the unit. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made Herron Jr.'s apparatus to have the housing part of the blower to comprise a holder for receiving a bearing element for the motor/blower unit as taught by Moshenrose et al. so as to facilitate ease of periodic inspection and maintenance of the unit.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 21-40 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALVIN J. GRANT whose telephone number is (571)272-4484. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Alvin J Grant/
Examiner, Art Unit 3723